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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence
SUBJECT : Annual Report of NRP Activities

1. The attached report covers the period 1 November 1964 through 31 October 1965. With the exception of the last month, the activities summarized herein were carried out under the previous INRO and hence were administered under the previous NRO Agreement.

2. The report is essentially accurate in the facts which it presents; however, as was evident in the previous such reports, there is a tendency to describe Air Force programs in the NRP in a more favorable light than those programs conducted by CIA. For example, the [Redacted] BLUE SPRINGS, and various SIGINT satellite programs are evaluated in more enthusiastic tones than might have been done by a more objective writer. Contrasted with rather glowing accounts of these programs are the more matter of fact summaries of CIA activities.

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3. The report is quite superficial and fails to treat some of the subjects in sufficient depth to give a completely balanced picture. This is apparent in the description of the responsibilities of the principal parties in the new NRO Agreement. These responsibilities are excerpted and condensed with the result that the firm impression is given of the primacy of the Department of Defense in the NRP. The full text of the NRO Agreement, as you know, emphasizes the national character of the NRP.

4. Since the members of the PFIAB are fully conversant with the NRP, it is unlikely that the attached report will serve more than to provide them a brief summary of activities for the period covered. Nevertheless, since it does fail, in my opinion, to fully credit CIA's role in the NRP in comparison with that of the Air Force, I believe it would be desirable for

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you to take advantage of such opportunities as arise to keep the PFIAB advised on CIA's role in the NRP as seen through CIA eyes.

5. Except for suggested briefings of the PFIAB noted in paragraph 4 above, I recommend that you take no further action with regard to the attached report.

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Director of Reconnaissance, CIA

Attachment
Annual Report

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Design and Analysis Division

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Acting Chief, CORONA Project

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SUBJECT: Weekly Briefing and Status Report

1. As the size and tempo of the various programs and activities of the Office of Special Projects increases it has become evident that a more formal method of providing information on these programs to the Director, OSP, and his staff is required. Accordingly, each Monday at 1500 hours effective 10 January 1966 addressees are requested to furnish a weekly status briefing on their respective projects and/or activities to the Director and his staff.

2. The briefings shall not be longer than 30 minutes and will be oral with use of charts and/or written material as necessary. The following Agenda or Format is given for purposes of guidance only. However, a report on all major headings is required.

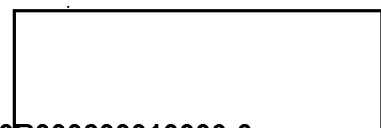
A. Financial

- (1) Program Budgets and Allocations
- (2) Contractual Obligations and Expenditures
- (3) Fiscal Forecast of Project

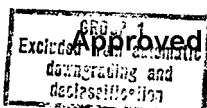
B. Technical

- (1) Status of Engineering Approval of Specifications, Work Statements, Tests, etc.
- (2) Evaluation of progress made to date versus goals
- (3) Engineering problems, actions, solutions, effects, etc.

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C. Production and Support

- (1) Status of achieving schedules and milestones
- (2) Status of facilities, operational and/or contractor
- (3) Security and contract status problems

D. Current major problems

- (1) Identify
- (2) Proposed action

E. Forthcoming major events and meetings

- (1) Identify
- (2) Discuss

3. The planned order of presentation is as follows, but may be subject to change as circumstances dictate and the program progresses:

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Director

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